

House Resolution No. 1263

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Basinger, cherished residents of Audrain County, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on March 7, 2004, with a festive Open House celebration at the Farber Community Building; and

Whereas, it was on March 9, 1954, that A.J. Basinger took the hand of his beautiful bride, Wanda, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Albert Fauth at the Baptist Parsonage in Vandalia; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Basinger provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee at the C & E Brick Plant for thirty-three years and as the bus driver for the Van-Far School District for twenty years, while somehow finding the time and energy to serve as Khoury League District Director and Booster Club President and perform many other community services; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Basinger found employment opportunities at P.N. Hirsh for eleven years and at Dollar General for seventeen years, where she was Manager for eight years, and further distinguished herself by working with her husband in their woodworking shop and at craft shows and in performing many other community services; and

Whereas, devout members of the First Baptist Church who enjoy gardening, raising flowers, and attending their grandchildren's sporting events, A.J. and Wanda Basinger have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their children and their spouses, Sherri and Mike Allen, Monte and Marilyn Basinger, Tammy and Eddie Purk, Jeff and Kathy Basinger, Shelly and Chris Buie, and one son who is deceased; and spoiling their ten grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven, and their great-grandchild; and

Whereas, A.J. and Wanda Basinger often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to A.J. and Wanda Basinger upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Basinger, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1263, adopted March 18, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker